Taking over the Indira Gandhi Canal Project by Centre

1954. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has urged the Centre to take over the Indira Gandhi Project and treat it as a Central project;

(b) whether the Planning Commission have also agreed to request the Central Government to treat this Project as a Central project; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c> Does not arise.

Establishment of Operational Research Units hi rural areas

1955. SHRI J. P. GOYAL; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up operational research units in rural areas so as to carry the results of research to rural areas;

(b) the number of operational research centres established so far in the country State-wise;

(c) the basis of selection of sites for operational research centres; and

(d> the places in Uttar Pradesh where operational research centres have been established or are proposed *to* be established during 1986-87 in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The number of Operational Research Projects established so far in India State-wise is as follows:

States	*No. of Operational Research Projects*
Andhra Pradesh	11
Arunachal Pradesh	..
Assam	1
Bihar	9
Goa	1
Gujarat	11
Haryana	13
Himachal Pradesh	4
Jammu & Kashmir	2
Karnataka	8
Kerala	6
Madhya Pradesh	11
Maharashtra	14
Manipur	..
Meghalaya	
Mizoram	
Nagaland	1
Orissa	11
Pondicherry	
Punjab	8
Raj sthan	10
Sikkim	1
Tamil Nadu	6
Tripura	..
Uttar Pradesh	15
West Bengal	9
TOTAL :	152

(c) The basis of selection of sites for operational Research Centres varies from region to region. The Operational Research Projects are primarily initiated in areas having challenging scientific problems. Each proposal is examined by two experts and their comments alongwith the proposal is finally considered by the scientific Panel of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for recommending it to the Standing Finance Committee/Governing Body of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research for final approval.

(d) The Operational Research Centres which are established in Uttar Pradesh are as under:

Additional Project proposals for	
(i) Crops, Livestock, etc.	Dehradun, Fakot, Bareilly, Sultanpur, Allahabad, Bahraich.
(ii) Watershed Resources Management	Bahraich, Hamirpur, Agra, Jalaun, Jhansi, Mirzapur, Bareilly.
(iii) Scheduled Castes/ Backward Communities	Mainpuri Barabanki

Operational Research Centres to be established in Uttar Pradesh for 1986-87 as and when received will be processed as per ICAR's norms.

Modernisation and expansion of Bhilai and Bokaro Plants

1956. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of STEEL. AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of delay In the implementation of the expansion programme in respect of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants and to what extent the cost of the projects have in creased with the continuous slippage in the implementation of the expansion programme;

(b) what is the annual loss of production as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to modernise Durgapur and Rourkela steel plants also on a turu-key basis, if so, what are the details thereof sjtatijig the expenditure involved in the project and in what manner Government propose to implement themodernisation programme within the stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The extent of delay in the implementation of the expansion programme in respect of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants alongwith the extent of the increase in cost estimates of these projects is given in the statement, (see beiow)

(b) It is difficult to quantify the loss of production due to delays in imple mentation of these expansion schemes at Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants mainly because of the difficulty in assessing the production capacities created during the periods of progres sive commissioning of various units and due to imbalances that continue to exist in the outputs/off take of materials in various production units,

(c) The Durgapur Steel Plant modernisation may be implemented by adopting a turn key concept by having one single package or a few different packages. The scheme is ex pected to cost about Rs. 990 crores and will enable the plant to attain its rated capacity of 116 MT per annum (ingot steel).

A scheme to modernise the Rourkela Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 861 crores was formulated to enable the plant to attain its rated capacity of 1.8 MT per annum (ingot steel). Steel Authority of India Ltd. is, however, reviewing the scope of this proposal and evaluating various alternatives.